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## WHAT GOES ON

**Thurs., Jan. 26, 8 p.m.** GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.  
**8:15 p.m. PRAB Meeting,** Youth Center  
**Sun., Jan. 29, 2-4 p.m.** GHI Mortgage Burning Ceremony, E. Roosevelt High School  
**3:30 p.m.** Greenbelt Chamber Orchestra Practice, Youth Center.  
**Mon., Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m.** GHI Meeting to Discuss Proposed Pet Regulations, North End School.  
**8 p.m.** Council Work Session - METRO Bus Routes, New Post Office, B-W Overpass

## Bill Proposed to Control Renumbering of Streets

by Elaine Skolnik

Proposed State bills dealing with the renaming of streets and the renumbering of homes in the county are among the bills to be discussed at a hearing scheduled by the Prince Georges County Delegation on Wednesday, February 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission's (MNCPPC) auditorium, 6600 Kenilworth Ave., Riverdale.

State law now requires that MNCPPC rename streets that are duplicate to other streets in the county and to renumber to conform to a master plan. MNCPPC has been doing this on a community by community basis. The city of Greenbelt was advised that the agency intended to perform a similar project for Greenbelt in the near future.

At a January council meeting, city Manager James K. Giese said that although he was not aware of any Greenbelt streets being duplicates of other streets in the county, there was "no question but what many homes will be renumbered if the MNCPPC continues to carry out the existing law." He also noted that Greenbelt had been advised by the Town of Cheverly that emergency legislation to modify the current law would be introduced. Council recommended that MNCPPC postpone further action on the renaming and renumbering plan until the matter was resolved by the legislature.

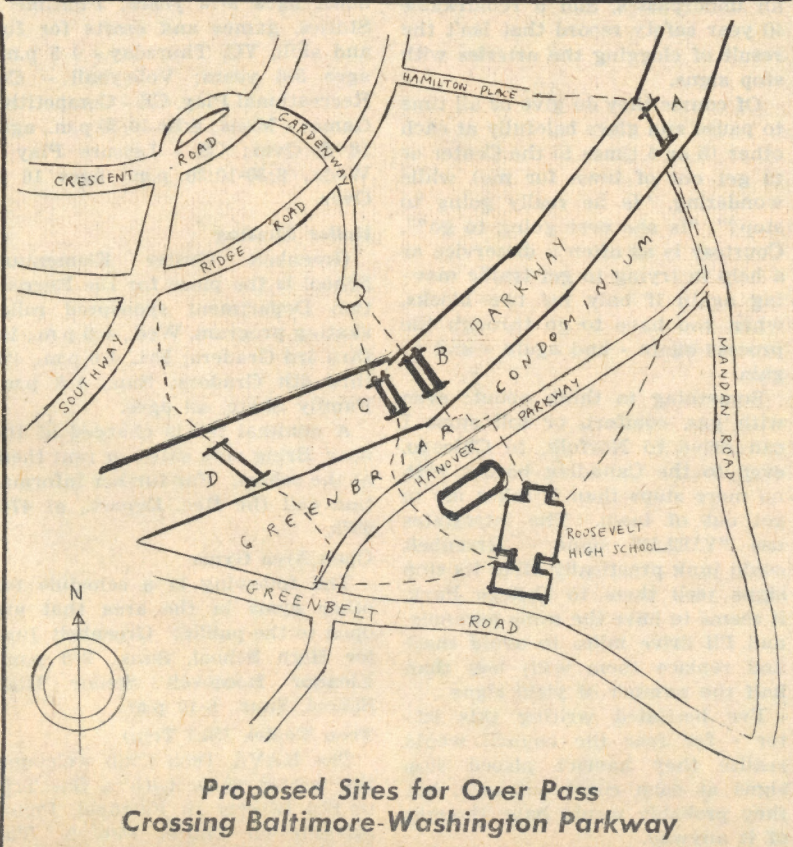
Three Bi-County proposals are on the agenda for the February 1 meeting. (1) PG/MC 91-78 requires the MNCPPC to hold public hearings before renaming streets or renumbering house in the county. (2) PG/MC 84-78 repeals the authority of the MNCPPC to rename streets and renumber houses in the county. (3) PG/MC 85-78 limits the authority of the MNCPPC to rename streets and renumber houses and buildings in an incorporated municipality in the county by permitting the municipality to veto a proposed change.

Council on January 23 opted for PG/85-78 as its first preference and PG/MC 84-78 as the second choice.

### Election Boundaries

On the agenda also are bills pertaining to the terms of office of certain members of the Board of Education. Senate bills providing that conformity of the Legislative Boundaries be consistent with the Election District Boundaries and that conformity of the School Board Election District be consistent with the Election District Boundaries have also been thrown into the hopper.

Persons wishing to testify are requested to register at the main table the evening of the public hearing. Time limitations for speakers will be set by the chairman and will be determined by the number of persons who register to testify. It is requested that, whenever possible, 15 copies of testimony be submitted. For further information call Barbara Hicks, 261-1402, Ext. 2741.



Proposed Sites for Over Pass Crossing Baltimore-Washington Parkway

## GREENBRIAR RESIDENTS COMMENT ON OVERPASS PLAN; DELAY LIKELY

by Elaine Skolnik

An overpass connecting east and west Greenbelt in time for the 1977-78 school year now appears to be an unrealistic expectation. More time is needed to obtain easements for accesses leading to the bridge to cross the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The preferred location—in terms of shortest distance, use, safety, topography and cost—is at the end of Gardenway in old Greenbelt, where a path would connect with the overpass, then tie up with the Greenbriar development on the opposite side of the parkway in the parking lot between Phase I buildings, 7716 and 7718 Hanover Parkway (buildings 2 and 3).

At a meeting with city representatives on January 10, the Board of Directors of Phase I of Greenbriar reacted favorably to the overpass proposal which provides the most direct route to and from Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School and Greenbelt Center. However, state law requires that 75% of the 252 owners in Phase I must approve such an easement. At the city council meeting on January 23, several Greenbriar residents said that because of apathy, it was unlikely that the required number of owners would turn out for a meeting. It was, however, pointed out that the annual meeting in March would draw a large attendance.

Sensing the need for funneling more information to Greenbriar, the city council expressed its desire to sit down with Phase I owners prior to their annual meeting to present (1) the need for an overpass at the preferred location, (2) the benefits of unifying the community, and (3) information to allay the fears of the owners that the overpass might have an adverse effect on their development. While recognizing that this procedure would cause a delay in the design and construction schedule, council thought it was absolutely necessary to work out solutions with Greenbriar residents. Apparently the need for more time will pose no problems to the governmental agencies. John Jessup of the National Park Service said that "the proposed timetable was a tight one and perhaps a little unrealistic."

### Citizens Views

In opposition to the overpass was Phase I owner Richard Ley, who thought the structure would adversely affect the Greenbriar community — increased noise from the parkway, more vandalism, residents having to give up some of their parking lot, increased city taxes, and motorbikes using the overpass.

He and Vickie Hatter of Greenbriar were dubious that safety would be increased by sending pedestrians through the condominium parking lots.

Jack Steiffer of Laurel Hill urged council to "move ahead with due speed . . . There is a greater possibility of an accident statistic on the parkway than on a parking lot."

Hatter opined that an overpass was a good idea, but recommended that it be located where it would have the least impact on Greenbriar. Her choice was the Mandan Road alternate that would connect with Hamilton Place in Old Greenbelt. (This would require an easement from the Board of Education.)

In a letter to council, Carl Chopin, chairman of the Site Selection Subcommittee of Roosevelt's Student Representative Committee of the PTSA, and Steven Lloyd, Liaison between SAC and PTSA, noted that a bridge near Mandan would not be convenient for students in old Greenbelt other than those living in the North End area. They recommended that, if the Greenbriar owners do not approve the use of any of their land and the bridge is built near Mandan, "the building of a sidewalk on the bridge on Rt. 193 should be investigated further." However, their first choice for the overpass was near buildings 2 and 3 of Greenbriar; their second choice was near 1 and 2.

Roger Bode of Greenbriar thought an overpass near the first and second buildings would be most desirable and provided more safeguards. Pedestrian and bicycle traffic would not have to go through a parking lot (as in the preferred location) or anywhere near apartment building entrances.

Patrick McAndrew, a student at Roosevelt, emphasized that the main objective was the safety of students. He cautioned that if the overpass is not located at the preferred location — the point where students

## AN EDITORIAL

## Invitation to Greenbriar

Two blocks from the Center! That is the approximate distance between residents of the Greenbriar development and the heart-beat of this town to which they pay their taxes and which invites them to participate in its ongoing concerns and enthusiasms, to accept its services and to feel the invigorating warmth of its sense of community.

They, them—those pronouns express correctly the sense of separation between the newer parts of Greenbelt and the community whose oldest sections began 40 years ago. The Baltimore-Washington Parkway is a veritable Grand Canyon in its restriction of communication between these two parts of the city.

### Yet that canyon can be bridged!

Let us consider the benefits that will be forthcoming for residents of Greenbriar when the proposed pedestrian overpass connecting with Gardenway in old Greenbelt is built. Senior citizens in Greenbriar will be able to walk to the Youth Center, to join in the card games and other programs of the Golden Age Club. It will be possible to stroll to the post office to pick up a package or buy some stamps; take part in the many recreational programs and classes for all ages; join the joggers, walkers, and cyclists who circle the lake; stay for a picnic or take out a boat; walk the nature trails to be developed in the woods west of the B-W Parkway, and join in or view the games at the new ballfield complex there. One can walk to weekly services at one of the churches or the synagogue. It will be feasible to cash a check, buy a dozen eggs or a spool of thread—all without waiting for the family vehicle to return; pick up an ice cream cone, get an emergency shoe repair, or get one's hair cut—all without taking out the car. In short, be a Greenbelter.

## Fun-Runs Saturday

The twice-a-month series of Fun-Runs will be held Sat., Jan. 28 regardless of weather. These distance races are usually held around Greenbelt Lake starting at the refreshment stand. However, when heavy snow or icy conditions prevent running around the lake, the races are run in the cleared streets which have little traffic, starting at Lastner Lane and Crescent Road opposite the main entrance to the Lake Park. Saturday there will be ½ mile and 4 mile races for men, women and children at one's own pace. The next informal Fun-Run after this race will be on Sat., Feb. 11.

## Please Return Senior Citizen Questionnaire

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. recently sent out a questionnaire directed at senior citizens and handicapped persons living in the cooperative. The purpose of the questionnaire is to find out what programs on the county, state or federal level can be brought into GHI based on the interest and needs of GHI members. Anyone who has not returned the questionnaire to GHI is therefore urged to do so as soon as possible. The deadline has been extended to January 30.

are now cutting across the highway — the overpass will not be used and students will still cut across the parkway.

City Manager James K. Giese reported that Paul Pickering, president of Phase I, informed him that a partial survey of owners in buildings 2 and 3 indicated that the majority were opposed to the overpass in their area. Richard French, Phase I building representative, noted that a poll of 7712 Hanover showed no opposition to the overpass. He recognized that there are "Foreseeable problems," such as security, but had faith in the city government and residents to resolve them.

## GHI Celebrates Mortgage Burning

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) celebrates 25 years of existence as a housing cooperative with a mortgage burning ceremony on Sunday, January 29, 2-4 p.m., at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road. All members of GHI have received invitations.

The program will begin with the Greenbelt Combined Choir singing "What Will the World Be Like Tomorrow" followed by the official "destruction" of the mortgage.

Welcoming remarks will be presented by GHI President for the past six years, James W. Smith. John B. Clinton, acting administrator of the New Community Development Corp. of the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, will also greet members and guests.

Following Clinton's talk will be an address by Congresswoman Gladys N. Spellman. The formal part of the program will conclude with choral selections by the Greenbelt Combined Choir. Refreshments will then be served in the school's multipurpose room.

Any GHI member needing transportation should consult the schedule elsewhere in this issue. Free bus service to and from the school will be provided along Crescent and Ridge Roads.

## Boys Wanted for Troop 746

Troop 746 is currently looking for boys interested in joining the scouting program. The troop is involved in teaching boys skills related to citizenship, camping, and, generally, growing up. Any boy who is in the fifth grade, or who is eleven or older can join. For information, please call the Scoutmaster, Al Cousin, at 474-5874.

## G. H. I.

### Special Membership Hearing

to discuss

### Proposed Pet Regulations

Monday, January 30, 1978

7:30 p.m.

North End Elementary School  
Multi-purpose room



"---ABOUT DOGS AND CATS IN PARTICULAR"



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## Salute to GHI

Institutions, as well as individuals, have their rites of passage, and Greenbelt Homes' mortgage burning is such an occasion. It is at once a celebration of achievement and a time to look forward to a new state of being.

The completion of the financial commitment made 25 years ago, when the mortgage obligation was assumed, is only a part of that achievement. More important has been the perplexing and complicated, sometimes discouraging but ultimately rewarding and exhilarating, business of keeping the disparate interests and values of some 1600 member families working together. This was co-operation in practice—if at times it seemed to have lacked the spirit. That they *did* hang together, that they brought it off—that for the greater good of supplying quality housing for a large number of people, the members could at times control their individual desires and march, if raggedly, to the same drum beat—this is the splendid accomplishment to be commemorated in Sunday's ceremony.

As for the new state of being ushered in by this celebration; all signs point to the continuing vitality of GHI. Since the spring of 1974, we have noticed less rancor and more cooperation. Squabbles among factions have given way to serious consideration of the problems confronting GHI. The apparent success of extensive heat conservation programs, the innovative solar heat experiment, and the newly affirmed commitment to rehabilitation are a declaration for life.

The News Review salutes the membership of GHI as they celebrate together, burning a symbol of achievement of the past to turn to the new tasks of the future.

## Boys and Girls Club THANKS

by Kathie Reed

The 10 year boys County basketball team, under the coaching of Bill Rice, recorded their second victory of the season with a 21-20 win over Bowie.

Football pictures for the 70 pound team are now available from Bill Rice, 474-3295.

The basketball schedule for the week of January 30 is as follows: Jan. 30 - 13 yr. girls, 6 p.m., YC; Jan. 31 - 10 yr. boys, 6 p.m., SHL; 11 yr. boys 7 p.m., SHL; 12 yr. boys 6 p.m., YC; 13 yr. boys, 7 p.m., YC; 18 yr. boys, 8 p.m., YC; 15 yr. girls #2, 8 p.m., SHL; Feb. 2 - 16 yr. boys 6 p.m., YC; 18 yr. boys, 8 p.m., YC; 13 yr. girls, 6 p.m., SHL; 15 yr. girls #1, 7 p.m., SHL.

## Mishkan Torah News

Mishkan Torah services on Fri., Jan. 27 will feature the synagogue's Young Judea group.

Mrs. Mika Tamir, Deputy to the District Attorney of the Central District of Israel will speak Sat., Jan. 28 on "How the Average Israeli Citizen Views the Current Peace Negotiations Between Israel and Egypt." Services start at 9:30 a.m.

"Marriage Encounter - a Jewish Marriage Experience" will be presented on Sun., Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m. The program is designed to enhance communication techniques of married couples. Interested persons are invited to all programs.

## CITY NOTES

The general crew spent last week removing snow, ice and salting. The city is running low on salt and is expecting more next week. Men and equipment were out all night and work is continuing. There was approximately 6 inches of new snow by Friday morning.

The parks crew has been chipping Christmas trees and working in the Greenbriar park. Several men from the crew have been removing ice and snow from the various walks, particularly at the shopping center and municipal building.

The refuse crew was on schedule last week. No routes were missed due to the weather. The paper collection netted 6 tons, 580 lbs.

## STOP!

To the Editor:

More noise pollution, more air pollution, more wasted gas, more traffic confusion, more money wasted on unneeded stop signs - all because of a long outmoded theory of traffic control that says "stop anything that moves as often as possible".

We've certainly wiped out the concept of a town that was originally designed with six miles of traffic arteries (instead of 26 miles of grid-iron streets), plus courts, pedestrian underpasses, and a remarkable 40 year safety record that isn't the result of clogging the arteries with stop signs.

Of course they do give us all time to pause and glare balefully at each other (5 or 6 times to the Center or to get out of town for me) while wondering, "Is he really going to stop?", "Is she ever going to go?". Courtesy is as often a disservice as a help in trying to get traffic moving again if only for two blocks, when you have to go through the process again - and again - and again.

Something to think about: even with gas, comfort, or toll stops I can drive to Norfolk, to Chicago, even to the Canadian border with no more stops than it takes me to get out of town. The interstates use "YIELD" signs - Greenbelt could junk practically all of its stop signs (sell them to College Park, it seems to have the same paranoia, and I'll drive miles to avoid that) and replace them with less than half the number of yield signs.

I've hesitated writing this letter - for fear the council would realize they haven't placed stop signs at each court entrance, but they probably would have thought of it anyway.

Bruce Bowman

## Summer Job Openings

The City of Gaithersburg, Department of Parks and Recreation is now accepting applications for summer recreation positions in the following categories: Playground supervisors and leaders; pre-school coordinators and assistants; sports camp directors and staff; and teen program staff.

High school and college students, college graduates and other interested persons are urged to apply as soon as possible. The deadline for all applications is MARCH 1, 1978.

To receive further information and application procedures, persons may send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to the City of Gaithersburg, Department of Parks and Recreation, 31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20760.

## Don't Forget!

## GREENBELT HOMES, INC.

## MORTGAGE RETIREMENT CEREMONY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

at 2 p.m.

at the

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Auditorium

## FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

For those unable to drive (space limited)

## BUS SCHEDULE\*

Ridge &amp; Southway 1:15

Crescent &amp; Southway 1:37

Ridge &amp; Northway 1:22

Crescent &amp; Ridge 1:40

Ridge &amp; Research 1:27

Ridge &amp; Westway 1:45

Research &amp; Hillside 1:30

Ridge &amp; Southway 1:50

Hillside &amp; Crescent 1:35

Roosevelt Auditorium 1:55

\*Wave at the GREENBRIAR bus if you want a ride and bus will pick you up.

## Recreation Review

## Free Recreation Program

Join in the fun - programs already in progress, no registration needed.

Arts Crafts - YC/SHLRC, Mon., 4 p.m., 1st thru 3rd Graders; YC/SHLRC, Wed., 4 p.m., 4th thru 6th graders; Chucks 'n' Lassies - Group games/physical fitness program for boys and girls, (Club shirts are provided for regular attendance.) YC/SHLRC, Sat., 9-10:30 a.m., ages 6-8 years; YC/SHLRC, Sats., 10:30-12 noon, ages 9-12 years; Funtime - Stories, games and crafts for fun and skill, YC, Thursdays 4-5 p.m., ages 3-6 years; Volleyball - Co-Recreational Play, CS - Competitive Games - Mons., 8:30-10:30 p.m., ages 16 & Over; CS - Leisure Play - Weds., 8:30-10:30 p.m., ages 16 & Over.

## Roller Skating

Greenbelt Center Elementary School is the place for the Recreation Department sponsored roller skating program, Wed., 4-6 p.m., 1st thru 3rd Graders; Fri., 4-6 p.m., 4th thru 6th Graders; Sun., 1-3 p.m., Family Skate, all ages.

A nominal fee is charged at the door. Bring rink skates, or rent them at the school. For further information call the Rec. Depart., at 474-6878.

## Open Area Gyms

The following is a schedule for other gyms in the area that are open to the public: Greenbelt Junior High School, Suns., 2-6 p.m.; Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School, Suns., 6-10 p.m.

## Teen Topics (Ski Trip)

The KAVA Teen Club welcomes the winter snow with a Ski Trip to Ski Liberty in Fairfield, Pennsylvania on Thurs., Feb. 2. The deadline for registration will be Mon., Jan. 30. The bus will leave the Youth Center parking lot promptly at 4 p.m. and return at approximately 12 midnight. All interested teens are invited and can sign up at the Youth Center. A fee will be charged. For further fee information, contact the Rec. Depart., at 474-6878.

The Greenbelt Rec. Depart. is sponsoring a trip to the Ice Capades on Tues., Feb. 7. This event is for both children and adults. Bus transportation to and from the Capital Center will be provided. The bus will leave the Youth Center parking lot at 7 p.m. For further

## Eric "Rick" Barber Named Outstanding Young Citizen

Recently Greenbelter Eric "Rick" Barber was named an Outstanding Young Citizen by a panel of judges at the first annual Outstanding Young Citizen banquet held by the Centennial Slammer Jaycee chapter at the County Detention Center in Upper Marlboro. Rick, who lives with his wife Barbara and daughter Marcia at 59-A Ridge Rd., was cited for his continued generous service to Prince Georges Special Olympics, Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau, and other worthy causes.

An employee of Computer Science Corp. - Infonet at the Goddard Space Flight Center, Rick has received several promotions since graduating with honors from Bowie State College in 1974. Barber is an active member of the Greenbelt Jaycees.

The Centennial Slammer Jaycee chapter has been in existence at the detention center for nine months. In addition to the usual Jaycee projects they raised over \$500 for the annual Jerry Lewis drive for muscular dystrophy. A main emphasis of their program involves working with other local chapters, such as Greenbelt, to assist members in making a smooth and successful transfer back into the community upon parole or completion of time served.

Rick was nominated for this award by Mrs. Pat Unger of Greenbelt, an associate member of the Jaycees and teacher at the detention center. In competition with Rick were Maj. James M. Carter of the correctional staff at the center, Ms. Joni Eareckson of Sykesville, and "Sugar Ray" Leonard of Palmer Park. Barber's name will be forwarded to the committee considering names for Outstanding Young Marylander to be named soon.

fee information contact the Rec. Depart. at 474-6878.

**MOWATT MEMORIAL**  
 United Methodist Church  
 Church School 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Sermon:  
 "On Being Patient With God."

Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham,  
 Pastor  
 474-3881 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

## GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH

(United Church of Christ).

Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings)

Nursery provided at 2B Hillside

Sun., 11 a.m. Worship Service and Church School

Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor, co-pastors

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN !!

You are invited and welcomed to meet with us  
 each week.

## GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

474-4212

Bible Study for all ages (Sun)

9:45 am

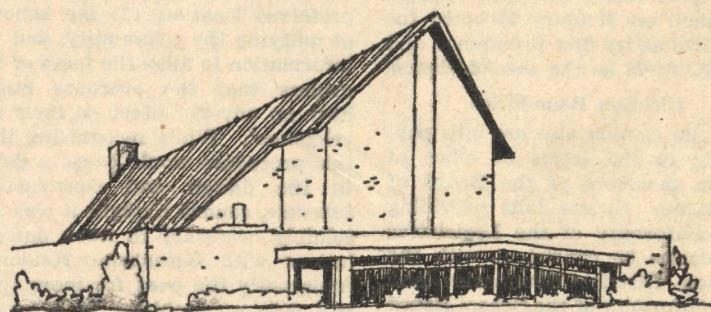
Sunday Worship

11:00 am &amp; 7:00 pm

Mid-week prayer service (Wed)

6:00 pm

For bus transportation, call Church office 8:30-12:30 weekdays



## Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road

Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Weekday Nursery School: 9-11:30 a.m.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111



## GHI Members Get REHAB Report

The Rehabilitation and Planning Study, prepared by Mark Beck Associates, for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. is currently being printed and should be available for distribution to each GHI member within the next several weeks.

Financed through grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and Prince George's County Community Development Block Grant Program, the study represents eight months' work analyzing and evaluating the cost-effectiveness and benefits of rehabilitation of the GHI community.

The study recognizes rising future energy costs, the needs of the lower income families residing in GHI, and the desires of GHI residents to maintain their homes in a pleasing and economical manner. A cost analysis is included in the study and a design book will be printed at a later date.

The study confirms the need for attic insulation, wall insulation, new exterior siding, insulating windows, door weatherstripping and storm doors. It also includes a parking scheme designed to alleviate overcrowded conditions in some courts. Rehabilitation in these areas is geared toward saving on fuel consumption as well as maintenance costs.

The study also considers the need for attic partitions and galvanized pipe replacement in the frame homes, electrical heavy-up, replacement of old and ungrounded receptacles, additional electrical outlets and walkway extensions.

Members will also be able to consider individual improvements which could be performed at the same time as other rehabilitation work in order to save costs. Such optional items include additions, interior improvements, central air conditioning, acoustic privacy, installation of thermostatic radiator valves.

The GHI board is planning two membership meetings on the study. More details on these meetings will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

## What To Do For the Flu

There are certain preventive measures that can be taken to avoid the flu. Dr. Wolcott L. Etienne, Employee Health Physician at Prince Georges General Hospital and Medical Center advises, proper rest, avoiding fatigue, and chilling of the body, and maintaining a proper diet. He recommends that people not keep their houses too warm, as this can more easily lead to chilling and adds that heavy doses of vitamins are of no proven value in treating the flu. Other things to avoid are, close contact with persons who have colds, and the flu, and large gatherings of people.

According to Dr. Etienne, the flu this year closely resembles flu symptoms of previous years. It lasts about three to five days and the symptoms include generalized muscle aches, fever, with or without the usual cold symptoms of runny noses and sore throats.

Those who do get the flu are advised to get plenty of bed rest, to make use of pain relievers such as aspirin or Tylenol, and to drink plenty of fluids. Antibiotics do not actually shorten the course of the disease, but may be helpful in treating secondary infections or complications that may occur. A doctor should be seen if symptoms persist or complications develop.

## UM HOSTS SCI-FI FANS

The University of Maryland Science Fiction Society is sponsoring a one-day free Science Fiction Symposium on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Union.

The symposium, entitled "MI-OROCON 2", will feature discussions of science fiction in films and books. Participants will include university professors, science fiction club members and author, Tom Monteleone. Special attractions include a feature film and science fiction trivia quiz. Call 345-3668 for more information.

## Home Study Program Registration Feb. 2

The University of Maryland University College is holding a special registration February 2 between 6-9 p.m. for the "directed study" courses at University College's Center of Adult Education.

These home study courses feature specially designed texts and television programs, plus optional seminars in College Park and throughout the Washington-Baltimore area. More than 30 directed study courses dealing with the future, management, the humanities, and social sciences will begin February 13. Most of these courses carry nine hours of academic credit. For further information call 454-2765.

## New Postal Facility Proposed for City

by Linda Orenstein

A new postal facility is to be built in Greenbelt, according to a letter to the City from the District Manager for the Maryland/DC District of the United States Postal Service, Dean S. Fleming. The building was one of three federal projects proposed for the Greenbelt area in the Federal Capital Improvement Program A-95 Review in May of 1977. The original estimate of space needed for the post office was 9300 square feet which has now been modified to 6800 square feet of interior space.

City Councils' reaction to the proposal of a new post office was favorable. However, council members expressed two major concerns, the first being that the postal service locate the facility within Greenbelt City limits. Several sites have been suggested for the building which would primarily be concerned with the distribution of mail and those are 1) the Greenbelt Triangle property; 2) the Beltway Plaza; and 3) the Springhill Lake North property. The Greenbelt East commercial office property located just outside the city limits to the south of Greenbelt Road on the east side of the Parkway may also be under consideration. Mayor Pilski questioned the status of property located at Crescent and Parkway, and City Manager James Giese replied that had been eliminated at an earlier date by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. as a site and that its size might not be suitable. (GHI might reconsider its position.) Giese himself ruled out the eligibility of property situated next to the Firehouse. Another possible site might be the garage located on Parkway and Crescent.

The Postal Service has expressed a preference for a site on unzoned property and the locations that fulfill this requirement are 1) the Consolidated Syndicate property on Greenbelt Road between the American Legion and the Beltway; 2) the Stidham property on Edmonston Road north of Peoples Bank; 3) Smith-Ewing property at the northwest corner of Mandan and Greenbelt Roads; 4) Smith-Ewing property at the southwest corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway.

The second, and no less important, wish of council is that the postal service, in addition to the distribution facility, maintain an office in Greenbelt Center for the receipt and pick up of parcel post packages, the sale of stamps, and postal boxes. At the council meeting on Jan. 23 councilman White stressed the importance of addressing the problem of the slow disintegration of the commercial portion of the Center this might hasten the decline. Presently the theater is closed, the Suburban Trust Bank will at some time in the future need room for expansion, and a letter from Twin Pines Savings and Loan has indicated that it is rapidly outgrowing its space. It was suggested by White that possibly tenants play "musical chairs" to satisfy the needs of all.

The city staff will proceed to discuss the matter of a new post office with representatives of the Postal Service and the entire subject of the future of the Center will be dealt with at the council work session on Mon., Jan. 30.

## Greenbelters Coach H.S. Track Teams

Excerpts from a Washington Post article, written by reporter Gary Davidson about Greenbelters Bob Rothenberg and Anne Braumbart, are herewith reprinted:

"That's my problem — I have trouble saying no when it comes to the sport," said Bob Rothenberg, who volunteered this year to coach the girls' track team at Fairmont Heights High School in Prince George's County. In the six years he has coached boys' track at the school, he has seen his teams win five indoor Maryland state track titles, including the last four, and four state outdoor crowns.

Rothenberg didn't see incorporating the girl runners with his regular boys group as any big deal. "I think the first couple of months, it's been like coaching two teams because a lot of the girls (13 to 17 team members) had never run before," said Rothenberg, 34, who is simply called Berg by most area track fanatics. "In the first few weeks, we had to show them . . . you could still be a young lady and sweat, that the pain involved in track can be a sweet pain if it's involved in success.

"I don't see it as two teams now. I see it as one large (60-member) team," Rothenberg added. "It didn't take long for the girls to accept the boys, but it took three months (since school started in September) to get the boys to accept the girls as athletes."

For Rothenberg, coaching is an equal partnership with Anne Braumbart. On paper, Rothenberg coaches the track events, and Braumbart, who teaches English at Fairmont, takes charge of the field events. But as they explain it, Rothenberg plays the "hard, cold" role of coach, while Braumbart plays the "softer, understanding" leader.

Rothenberg's involvement doesn't end at the meets. His phone constantly rings, often from complete strangers who have their questions referred to him. He is director of the East Coast Invitational meet, which acts as the east coast's age-group competition; the Meet of Champions, which served for five years as the East Coast's high school championship and should return to Gallaudet College this year after missing last season because of insufficient funds, and the Washington Birthday Marathon in Beltsville and the Runners' World Magazine 24-Hour Relay, which have both experienced tremendous growth since their initiation in 1972.

"If you enjoy yourself, I don't think there's any problem doing it in excess," Rothenberg said. "If I can't coach with that intensity, I'd quit. I don't know what I'd do then . . ."

Braumbart is a recent convert to track but despite her work, most of Fairmont's achievements are credited to Rothenberg, which disturbs him as much as it bothers her. "When we win the state championship, it's Fairmont Heights' team," said Braumbart, a graduate of Springbrook High School in Silver Spring and the University of Maryland. "The papers may say it's Bob Rothenberg's team, but we know how it is . . . Sometimes it's hard for me. Sometimes I get tired of hearing it's Bob Rothenberg's team."

"The natural thing is to recognize the man and say that she's just tagging along," said Rothenberg, who teaches history. "She gets to certain kids. At track meets, kids from other teams search her out for her expertise on the field events just like they look for me on the track events."

"At Fairmont Heights, if we don't win the state championship, it's not a successful season," said Rothenberg, who proudly pointed out that 14 of his 17 seniors from last season were now in college. "I've been very fortunate at Fairmont Heights. I don't know what I'd do if the well went dry, if I had a mediocre team. I don't know how I'd handle it if I went to a meet and I didn't count the score because I didn't think we had a chance to win."

## At the Library

Registration for "Funday" for ages 6-9 on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. continues through Feb. 1. There is a different activity each week in the Program Room.

Thursdays bring the Drop-In story program at 2 p.m. in the Program Room for ages 3-5.

The month of February features free films for ages 13-18 at the library at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. The Beatles' "Hard Day's Night" will be shown on Feb. 1.

The last session of "Decoupage It" will take place on Sat., Jan. 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

The Story Program for 2 year olds continues at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays in the Program Room.

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# PRAB Hears Citizen's Views On Playground Improvements

by Edith Beauchamp

At a Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) meeting Tues., Jan. 17, to come up with recommendations for spending a \$30,000 playground improvements grant, approximately 20 concerned parents spoke for improvements to their respective neighborhood playgrounds.

The grant is available through the Federal Block Grant Program, administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, for areas needing renovation.

Last year Prince Georges County was able to procure \$130 thousand for the city of Greenbelt—\$100 thousand for street repairs and \$30 thousand for playground improvements. The designated area was the old part of Greenbelt, the commercial center and city-owned playgrounds in the residential areas belonging to GHI.

According to city manager James Giese, "One of the government's requests is that we get citizen involvement, so that is the purpose of this meeting."

Several of the citizens spoke up for improved walkways to and from playgrounds and recreation areas, and better lighting.

Don Volk, chairman of the Advisory Planning Board presented statistics from the 1975 and '77 election surveys and a GHI study indicating that bikeway and walkway improvements, overpasses, and additional park acquisitions were important to most Greenbelters, and that improving streets and playgrounds were less important.

## Urges Systematic Plan

Jean Crabill of Northway urged that a systematic plan be used for spending the grant and that particular attention be paid to improving walkways in North End for senior citizens—building "oases" where they can rest. She said, "As the character of the city changes, we must consider their needs more."

Giese pointed out that most of the inner walkway system is not owned by the city, so there would probably be problems in trying to spend Federal money for that type of project. It is planned to have some sort of recreational areas for the elderly, however.

## Tot Lots

Most of the speakers asked for improvements to specific neighborhood tot lots, most of these in the North End area.

Many of the playgrounds in the North End area posed something of a problem. There are seven playgrounds on GHI property, mostly in the North End, which the city maintains. Because there is no permanent agreement over use of the land, Giese said there may be trouble getting government approval on those sites. He said, "I'm not ruling them out, but there may be red tape."

Many of those present felt North End had been "shortchanged" by the original planners.

Also at issue is the question of providing extensive facilities to the GHI residents and not to other sections of the community, like the new apartment and condominium developments (although they do not fall under the definitions for this block grant).

Many of the specific improvements suggested included painting existing equipment, the addition of trash cans with lids and a picnic table to some areas, and to have undergrowth cut away. It was also suggested that curbing be installed around playgrounds, with chips in them for mud control.

One woman requested one baby swing for her tot lot, which was immediately agreed to.

Six residents of Woodland Way sent a letter requesting that the playground in their area, overgrown by weeds, be fixed up.

## Forgotten Playground

One man mentioned the playground behind 36 and 38 courts of Ridge and the GHI offices, which Giese dubbed "the forgotten playground." He said a few years ago the Public Works Department got a call about it, and Public Works Director Buddy Attick was sure that none existed there. Attick and Giese investigated, and found some dilapidated equipment set back in the woods, totally overgrown. Giese

stated, "When Buddy Attick forgets it's there, it's really a 'forgotten playground'!" He seemed to think something could be done about it.

Letters from residents of the 8, 10, 14 and 16 courts of Ridge were read by a neighbor. One little girl wrote, "I live near the playground and every day when I come home I stop and play there, but it's so boring because there's no sliding board. Please put one in."

The problem of older children vandalizing the equipment was mentioned and the possibility raised of setting an age limit for use of certain playgrounds. It was pointed out that when something is damaged, it is often tempting to kids to damage it further.

Giese said the general policy has been to have equipment which can be used by all ages. Originally the city set out a basic playground of a slide, swing and either a climber or a spring animal.

One current plan is to have the small basic neighborhood playgrounds for younger children and to have larger "regional" playgrounds like the one at the lake park to attract the older kids. Giese pointed out, however, that the "regional" parks tend to draw lots of kids, which impacts on the neighbors, and it would be difficult to set and enforce a specific age limit for the smaller parks.

There is still an opportunity to make additional comments on playground improvements in writing or by phone by contacting the city offices, or by calling Recreation Director Hank Irving at 474-6878, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Residents are also invited to the next meeting of PRAB on Thurs., Jan. 26 at 8:15 p.m. in the Youth Center.

## B. McCarthy Named Top Aid to Devlin

Bobbi McCarthy, 65-E Ridge Road, has been named administrative assistant to Del. Gerard F. Devlin (D-24th) for the 1978 session of the Maryland General Assembly.

Bobbi, who has worked on Capitol Hill for U.S. Reps. William Cohen and Tom Railsback, served as legislative assistant to Devlin last year. She is an honors graduate of Duke University, where she was awarded a Phi Beta Kappa key, and has done graduate work at the University of Maryland.

A member of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Audit Committee, Bobbi has been active in a wide range of community activities in Greenbelt.

Bobbi is married to Tony McCarthy, an Assistant State's Attorney for Prince Georges County, and is the mother of two children Jean and Teddy.

## Police Blotter

A resident of Springhill Terrace reported that as she was walking home from her bus stop Tuesday evening, a person approached her and attempted to steal her purse. An hour later, a resident of Cherrywood Lane reported that as she walked from her parking space she was approached and someone grabbed her purse. Lookouts have been issued for the culprits.

After receiving a complaint of a possible fight in progress, PFC Ceccarelli apprehended several subjects fleeing. One was found to have narcotics in his possession; a 24 year old male resident of Cheverly, he was charged with the narcotics violation.

While responding to an alarm at the Credit Union, PFC Ceccarelli observed that the Greenbelt Cleaners appeared to have been broken into. Investigation revealed that entry had been gained and petty cash was taken. Investigation is continuing.

## Greenbelter to Head Cancer Society Unit

Louise Kennedy, R.N., was elected president of the Mearle D. Duvall-North Central Prince Georges County Unit of the American Cancer Society (ACS) at the January 11 meeting of its Board of Directors. Kennedy, a longtime resident of Greenbelt, and a nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, will be chief administrator of the local activities of the ACS, the largest national health agency. Greenbelt is among the communities served by the Mearle D. Duvall unit.

The goals of the new unit are to bring educational activities to the local community and more comprehensive services to cancer patients and their families. Volunteers will be needed in the areas of education, patient service, and fund-raising. Interested volunteers are welcome to attend an orientation meeting Monday, January 30, at the Wildercroft Elementary School, 6700 Riverdale Road at 6 p.m.

## Listing Needed of Professional Persons

A listing of professional persons is planned for the Greenbelt brochure now being prepared for publication. Doctors, dentists, counselors and lawyers who practice in Greenbelt and would like to be listed may contact Janet Kuhn at 474-7389 or 498-7500.

The informational brochure, sponsored by the Greenbelt Clergy Association, will include pertinent information about city services, taxes, election procedures, civic organizations, churches and synagogue, fire department and schools.

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Jeff Gallagher of Greenbelt is co-chairman of a citizens committee to support the candidacy of Ted Venetoulis for the Maryland governorship.

The committee is sponsoring its first public event on Saturday, January 28 at 8:30 p.m. at the Quality Inn in College Park. Anyone wishing to hear Venetoulis is welcome to attend.

## Greenbelt Fire Department Lists Officers for 1978

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., announces its operational line officers to serve the community for 1978. M. W. Dutton will again act as chief with R.W. Houchen as assistant chief. V.C. Iseli and W. F. Dunn will serve as deputy chiefs. Other officers include: captains - W. G. Holland, J. A. Remenick and A. E. Davis; lieutenants - R. W. Mangum and M. L. Weber; sergeants - W. L. Lewis and S. B. Smith. Administrative officers are: R. R. Lauer, president; P. M. Rouseau, vice-president; H. G. McEwan, secretary; and F. B. Kolben-schlag, treasurer. The president, vice-president and chief serve as members of the Board of Trustees along with J.W. Bordas, R. P. Pergola, H. N. Wynkoop and K. L. Stair.

## Spellman Talk Feb. 8

The Northern Prince Georges Chapter of Federally Employed Women invites interested persons to hear Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman speak on "A View from the Hill", Wednesday February 8, at 8 p.m. at the Goddard Recreation Center (Soil Conservation Road). An open bar and buffet-supper will precede the talk. For information and reservations call Leonie Penney, evenings, at 474-6315.

## Teachers Needed for UM Free University

The University of Maryland's Free University is looking for teachers. "Anyone who has an interest, hobby or skill can be a teacher," according to Free University director James Frid.

Free University has been offering non-credit courses on the College Park Campus for eight years, according to Frid. Courses range from ballet and languages to hang-gliding and back packing.

Those interested are requested to contact Mr. Frid at 937-8259 for more information.

## John E. Linstrom

John Edward Linstrom, a resident of Greenbelt for over twenty-five years, died on January 11 at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center after a prolonged illness.

Raised in Omaha, Nebraska, Mr. Linstrom attended Creighton University where he received both his undergraduate degree and his degree in law. He came to the Washington area in the late 40's to accept a position with the United States Post Office Department as an attorney. He later worked for the Interstate Commerce Commission as a trial lawyer. He was an active member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church, where he sang in the choir for many years, and of the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136.

Mr. Linstrom leaves his wife, Mary Marcillat; daughters Mary G. Jordan of Riverdale, Katherine Ann of Phoenixville, Pa., Nora Jean of Spokane, Wash., Joan Clare of Glendale, and Elizabeth Mary of the home; sons John Edward Jr. of Lexington, Ky., Gerard Michael of College Park, Christopher James and David John, both at home.



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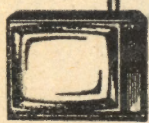
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## Our Neighbors

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Greenbelter, Carol Pelosi, was named an individual award winner in the "Breakfast of Champions" by the Prince Georges Champions Association. A team award also went to the Greenbelt Junior Tennis Team. They will be honored at 9 a.m. February 11 at the Sheraton Inn, New Carrollton.

Navy Construction Apprentice Mark S. Leslie, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ivan J. Leslie of Greenbriar has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla.

At the recent Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Beltway Plaza Merchants sponsored Dance-a-Thon for the March of Dimes, more than \$3,000 in pledges had been raised. The terpsichoreans danced for 32 hours.

The Dean of the College of Human Ecology, University of Maryland, College Park, has announced that Louise Singer is included on the Dean's list for the fall semester, 1977.

Condolences to Mrs. Mary Linstrom and children on the death of her husband and their father.

## Entries Invited For Art Show

The Arts Division of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation will accept art work on February 4 and 2 to consider hanging in the Third Juried White Mansion Art Exhibit. Artwork selected will be exhibited in the historic White Mansion in Mitchellville for a period of four months.

Artists interested in this show should deliver their work on February 1 & 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to the MNCPPC Arts Division, Room 214, in the Parks and Recreation Administration Building, 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, Maryland. No entry fee is required. Each entrant is limited to a maximum of eight pieces entered. All flat media (paintings, prints, drawings, photographs, fiber, etc.) are eligible. All work must be framed and ready for hanging.

For further information, 277-2200, extension 396.

### ADULT EDUCATION

Registration for GED, ESL, and Citizenship classes sponsored by P. G. Public Schools continues. Locally classes are held at Parkdale Sr. High, Tues. and Thurs. evenings, 7-9 p.m., and DuVal Sr. High, Mon., Wed., and Fri., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. For further information, call 345-8436, 474-0347, or the Board at 952-4571.

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# Greenbelt Homes, Inc. A Look Into History

On this day, twenty-five years ago, cooperative housing became a reality in Greenbelt. But, the seed for Greenbelt began much further back in time, and another continent away.

At the turn of the century, an English pioneer of modern city planning, Ebenezer Howard, conceived a plan of a garden city which combined city and country life, a town protected forever from overcrowding and undesirable building on neighboring land. Two English towns, Letchworth and Welwyn, were built to his model.

In 1935, in what was hailed as "the first large-scale attempt in this country to integrate all the factors that go to make a community," plans for building four new "green towns" were formulated by the federal government's Resettlement Administration. According to Howard's ideal, each town would sit in the midst of several thousand acres of land which would protect it from blight and encroachment.

## Innovative Program

This innovative program of the Franklin D. Roosevelt New Deal Administration would emphasize the amenities of life rather than profits, would provide well-built, low-maintenance and, as a result, low-cost rental housing for those low and middle income people heretofore confined to crowded city dwellings.

In October 1935, 4,000 men, mostly from relief rolls, were employed to construct Greenbelt's original 500 homes, 288 apartment units, shopping center, community building and school, plus roads and recreational facilities.

Greenbelt — or "Tugwelltown" as it was sometimes called after Rexford Guy Tugwell, the colorful administrator of the Resettlement Administration — opened in 1937. Very soon every home and apartment was occupied, with a long waiting list.

Greenbelt was laid out on a curved ridge encircling the community building and recreation facilities. The road system followed the lines of the ridge, creating large super-blocks of residences as well as roads leading to the town center and the recreation areas adjoining the lake.

The Public Housing Administration, in the Housing and Home Finance Agency, was in charge of seeing to the needs of the new towns, of which two others besides Greenbelt were finally built. (They are Greenhills, Ohio and Greendale, Wisconsin. A fourth town, Greenbrook, in New Jersey, was prevented from being built by neighboring citizens who opposed the project).

## Early Rules

PHA was often a stern administrator. The government agency would not permit alterations to interiors or exteriors of homes. Residents could not make changes in the contours of the grounds, plant or alter trees or shrubs without the agency's consent. PHA required information on changes in family size. Children could play only in designated play areas — not in streets, driveways or garage areas. Repairing automobiles in parking areas was prohibited. One could not move furniture except in daylight hours. Residents could not hang laundry after 5 p.m. on any week-day and not at all on Sunday or holidays. No fences were permitted in the original part of Greenbelt. No dogs, cats, rabbits, ducks, chickens or other animals except for tropical fish and birds in cages were allowed.

Because of the many restrictions

on daily life in Greenbelt, as well as what some residents felt was an inability of the government to properly maintain the homes, a number of Greenbelt citizens formed the Greenbelt Mutual Housing Association in 1946. Its stated purpose was "to sponsor a program leading to ownership, control and management of residences and other properties in the Town of Greenbelt by a corporation whose members shall be residents of Greenbelt . . ."

A nine-member board of directors was selected. By this time, also, the government wanted to rid itself of its landlord status, and negotiations with the PHA for the sale of Greenbelt began in earnest at a public meeting on October 15, 1946, at the Center School auditorium.

## Greenbelt Is Sold

Throughout 1947, residents were urged via numerous flyers and meetings to join GMHA. On May 19, 1949, Congress enacted a bill (Public Law 65) to sell Greenbelt and other federal housing projects throughout the country.

In 1950, a second and rival group, the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation formed. The government required cooperatives wishing to purchase federally-owned housing projects to have at least 800 members, half of whom had to be veterans. By 1950, GVHC boasted 1200 members and was the sole qualified bidder on the sale of Greenbelt. However, the sale was delayed by the beginning of the Korean War when the government was uncertain about what its housing needs would be for soldiers and veterans.

In 1952, the drive to purchase the town resulted in some 800 residents putting up \$100 each in "good faith" money to show their intention of buying into the fledgling housing corporation. However, a small vocal opposition did exist which preferred to pay rent to PHA rather than participate in mutual ownership.

On September 26, 1952, the Public Housing Authority sold Greenbelt to GVHC for \$6,285,450.00. The

newly-formed corporation bought 1,575 homes. Later, they purchased 700 acres of undeveloped land and 60 apartment units. Title to the homes and 250 acres of land was passed to the corporation on December 31 and signed by then President, Michael Salzman; secretary, Bruce Bowman; treasurer, Thomas Ritchie.

## First General Manager

In January, 1953, Paul M. Campbell was hired as the first general manager, and the corporation moved from its quarters at 40-A Crescent Road to its present location on Hamilton Place. Mary Jane Kinzer became supervisor of social services. David J. Kane was the first superintendent of maintenance.

Except for a two-year period when John O. Walker was general manager, the only other general manager the corporation has known has been Royal D. Breashears, who has guided the organization since 1962. Breashears had served as comptroller and assistant manager for nine years.

From 1953 to 1959, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. as it's now called, spent most of its time "organizing, developing basic policies and programs, repairing and maintaining the homes, gaining experience and building the strength necessary to realize the dream of cooperative home ownership."

Currently, GHI consists of 1,608 homes, a community building, a number of boiler plants, warehouses, and other buildings plus 249 acres of land.

## New Homes

GHI membership gave its approval in 1965 for the building of four free-standing homes and twenty-five townhouses in GHI's attempt to provide its members with larger homes at reasonable prices. These homes were completed by 1970.

In 1963, the membership approved a major repair and replacement program. From 1968 to 1972, work was performed on frame, brick and masonry homes which involved repair or replacement of roofs, gutters, downspouts, trash closet doors, windows and sills, sidewalks, the large steam boilers, and hot water and steam return lines. Total outstanding indebtedness for these projects reached \$390,692.86, and will be totally paid off by May, 1981.

## Heat Conservation

Another major maintenance job performed over the past three years (1974-1977) has been the addition of variable temperature controls on masonry heating plants and conversion from steam to hot water, with the addition of variable temperature controls, in the frame homes. In addition, the pipes and

crawl spaces have been insulated, resulting in spectacular fuel savings when compared to the amount of fuel burned before the conversion.

A pilot solar heating project, funded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1976, has likewise proved innovative and successful.

## Major Renovation

Today, GHI is embarking on its most ambitious project since its very inception back in 1935. Subject to membership approval, a major renovation program is about to begin which will seek to preserve not only the structures in GHI, but the original goals of a community of safe, sanitary, pleasant homes in garden-like settings.

In addition, GHI seeks to reduce the rate of increases in operating charges through savings in energy consumption and maintenance.

The major change in GHI's history is, perhaps, that GHI and Greenbelt are no longer synonymous. The "green belt" around the homes has been chipped away little by little until GHI is barely one-fourth of the city's total population. Two major highways — the Baltimore Washington Parkway and the Beltway — have in large measure brought private development to Greenbelt as the city has grown to nearly 20,000 residents.

Yet, the philosophy of Ebenezer Howard, of Rexford Guy Tugwell, of the federal government's community manager in those early days, Charles Cormack, and so many other Greenbelt residents continues on with each Board of Directors seeking to protect the

land and maintain each home in its belt of green.

## Sustained Enthusiasm

Ten years after Greenbelt was built, it was said that no other city "attracted the sustained popular enthusiasm evoked by Greenbelt, none has captivated its visitors—or, indeed, its residents—to the same extent." In many ways, this remains true today.

GHI today stands financially strong and proud of its history, proud of its many achievements, of fostering the goal of cooperative living throughout the United States and abroad, and of producing second and third generations of Greenbelters who choose to remain in the town in which they grew up.

## In Appreciation

We thank the many who—over the years—have provided GHI with wise and loving guidance, including the following:

Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
Eleanor Roosevelt  
Rexford Guy Tugwell, Administrator, Resettlement Administration, 1935  
Wallace Richards—Executive in Charge, Greenbelt Project  
Hale Walker—Town Planner  
Reginald J. Wadsworth and Douglas D. Ellington—Principal Architects  
Harold Bursley—Engineering Designer  
Charles Cormack—Community Manager, PHA  
Clarence Stein—Consultant and Special Advisor, Greenbelt Project Board of Directors from 1952 to the Present.

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## TWIN PINES SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION Notice to Members

The Nominations and Elections Committee of Twin Pines is currently seeking names of persons interested in filling any of the seven elective positions which will be voted upon in the upcoming annual meeting. These positions are:

- Three positions on the Board of Directors for terms of three years.
- Two positions on the Member Relations Committee for terms of two years
- Two positions on the Nominations and Elections Committee for terms of two years.

Minimum qualifications for all positions is membership in Twin Pines (loan or savings of \$100 or more) and willingness to serve if elected.

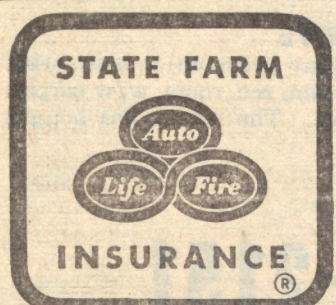
Persons who are willing to serve in such positions, or who know of someone who is willing to serve in such positions are asked to contact Helen Geller at 474-6323 or to leave the name(s) at the Twin Pines office. Deadline for suggestions for nominations is Friday, February 17.

## REGARDING PETITIONS

Although it is highly recommended that potential candidates submit their names to the Nominations and Elections Committee, the Bylaws of Twin Pines provide for candidacy by petition. Such petition must be signed by at least twenty-five members of Twin Pines and must be turned in to the Twin Pines office or to the Secretary of Twin Pines on or before Monday, February 27, 1978.

In addition, items of business can be placed on the agenda of the annual meeting via petition. Such petition must be signed by fifteen or more members, must contain an explanatory statement, and must be received by the Secretary or turned in to the Twin Pines office on or before Monday, February 28, 1978.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28 at 8 p.m. The official meeting notice will be published in approximately one month.



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